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### 1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

RTG SENDS NOTE TO UN MEMBERS COMPLAINING ABOUT KR BORDER  
RAID THAT KILLED 30 THAIS. SAYS PP HAS NOT RESPONDED TO  
FORMAL PROTEST. RTG WANTS CAMBODIAN GOVT TAKE FULL RESPON-  
SIBILITY FOR INCIDENT/MAKE PROMPT COMPENSATION (REUTER  
BANGKOK).

MCARTHUR (LAT 2/2) SAYS GOVT PLACED KEY TROOP UNITS AROUND  
BANGKOK ON ALERT 2/1, REPORTEDLY AS RESULT SPLIT AMONG  
RULING GENLS/COUP RUMORS. ADDS W DIPLOMATS BELIEVE COUP  
RUMORS ,PREMATURE," BUT POINT UP DIFFERENCES AMONG GENLS.  
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MENTIONS SINGAPORE'S LEE KUAN YEW IS ON 4-DAY VISIT TO  
THAILAND. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE MCARTHUR QUOTES RTG OFFI-  
CIALS THAT ABOUT 1000 STUDENTS JOINED COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND  
AFTER OCT'S COUP, W/MOST GETTING TRAINED IN CAMPS IN THAI-  
LAND/LAOS/ CAMBODIA. SEES SIGNS AT LEAST SOME STUDENTS  
PLAYING ROLE IN INSURGENCY, ESP IN S.

VN SAYS STILL LOOKING FOR REMAINS US MIAS, URGES US RESUME  
NEGOTS ON MIAS/RECONSTRUCTION (UPI, WP). VN AMB TO FRANCE

SAYS EXPECTS EARLY CONTACTS W/CARTER ADMIN TO SPEED UP  
US RECONSTRUCTION AID (REUTER PARIS).

GROUP 16 CONGRESSMEN LED BY REP BINGHAM (D-NY) INTRODUCES  
BILL CALLING FOR ADMIN LIFT US TRADE EMBARGO IN VN AS  
1ST STEP TOWARDS NORMALIZING RELS (REUTER WASHINGTON).

## 2. THAILAND/MALAYSIA

MORITZ (CSM) REPORTS RTG/GOM WIND UP JOINT CAMPAIGN VS  
COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS ALONG BORDER, EXPLORE EXPANDED  
COOPERATION. SAYS GOM HOPES RTG WILL PERMIT MALAYSIAN  
TROOPS INCREASE OPNS INSIDE THAILAND, BUT RTG LOOKED ON  
JOINT OPN AS WAY REPAIRING DAMAGED RELS W/KL. CONCLUDES  
MIL RESULTS OF JOINT OPN MINIMAL, W/NO COMMUNISTS KILLED/  
CAPTURED, THO 3 BASE CAMPS DISCOVERED.

## 3. CHINA

NYT CARRIES FULL TEXT PRES CARTER'S 1ST REPORT TO NATION.  
INTER ALIA PRES SAID WILL STRIVE IMPROVE RELS W/USSR/PRC  
ENSURING OUR SECURITY WHILE SEEKING REDUCE RISK OF CON-  
FLICT.

OFFICIAL PRC PUBLICATION DECLARES "GANG OF FOUR" ACTED  
ON OWN AGAINST TENG. ASSERTION ADDS SUBSTANCE TO SPECU-  
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LATION THAT TENG IS ON WAY BACK (AP, SUN). ISAACS (SUN)  
QUOTES "PEOPLE'S DAILY" EDITORIAL THAT PLA BLOCKED "GANG  
OF FOUR" FROM SEIZING POWER WHEN MAO DIED. SAYS PHRASING  
REINFORCES IMPRESSION MIL HAS ASSUMED DECISIVE ROLE IN  
PRC AFFAIRS SINCE MAO'S DEATH.

MACAO'S GOV DENIES LISBON REPORT THAT PORT TRIED RETURN  
COLONY TO CHINA, ONLY TO HAVE IT REFUSED (WP).

IN ARTICLE ON PAC FE LINE, ROBB (JOC) QUOTES CO OFFICIAL  
THAT CHINA MAY START TO OPEN UP IN YR, W/ VESSELS CALLING  
AT SHANGHAI.

## 4. VP'S TRIP

PRC SAYS WORLD ECON PROBLEMS/USSR MIL EXPANSION WERE MAIN  
REASONS FOR VP'S VISIT TO EUR/JAPAN (REUTER HK).

## 5. JAPAN

MONDALE SAID WED JAPAN/FRG ARE IN "SUBSTANTIAL" AGREEMENT  
W/US ON NEED FOR ALL 3 NATIONS HELP "STIMULATE" WORLD ECON  
RECOVERY, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THEY DIFFER ON STIMULUS' SIZE  
(LAWRENCE, JOC). ROWEN (WP) ADDS ASST TREAS SEC-DESIGNATE

BERGSTEN, AFTER TOKYO TALKS, SAID JAPANESE LEADERS HAD AGREED "IN PRINCIPLE" TO RUN CURRENT ACCOUNTS DEFICIT IN INTL BOP. FUKUDA ALSO TOLD MONDALE THAT COLOR TV SHIPMENTS TO US WOULD BE CURTAILED.

KAWASAKI SHIPBUILDING CORP PLANS CUT WORK FORCE BY 1000 DURING FY'77 AS PART EFFORT RIDE OUT INDUSTRY SLUMP (WSJ).

JAPAN'S '76 COLOR TV EXPORTS TO US JUMPED TO AT LEAST 2.9 MIL SETS, COMPARED W/1.2 MIL IN '75, BUT INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN PREDICTS SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE THIS YR (WP).

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JAPANESE '76 MOTOR VEHICLE EXPORTS REACHED RECORD HIGH IN VOLUME/VALUE. US CONTINUED AS JAPAN'S BIGGEST CUSTOMER, INCREASING IMPORTS 49.2 PCT OVER PRECEDING YR (CULLISON, JOC).

SONY HAS DEVELOPED W/2 OTHER MFRS A 2-HR VIDEO CASSETTE SYSTEM ALLOWING FOR INTERCHANGEABLE USE OF THEIR TAPES (WP).

KUBOTA LTD PLANS PUBLIC OFFERING 1 MIL NEW DEPOSITARY SHARES/ REPRESENTING 20 MIL COMMON SHARES, EARLY NEXT MONTH (WSJ).

JANUARY WAS JAPAN'S COLDEST MONTH IN 32 YRS, W/TEMPS IN FAR NORTH REACHING -34.4 DEGREES F. HEAVY SNOW HAS ALSO COST RAILWAYS OVER 5 MIL DOLS DUE TRAIN CANCELLATIONS (REUTER).

SUN'S TAKAYAMA REPORTS OPENING JAPAN'S FIRST PLAYBOY CLUB; SUCCESS SEEMS SURE, W/OVER 2500 MEMBERS ALREADY ENROLLED AT 200 DOLS EACH.

#### 6. INDONESIA

SEC 2/2 CHARGED FORMER PERTAMINA HEAD IBNU SUTOWO MASTER-MINDED SHAKEDOWN OF 54 US/CANADIAN/JAPANESE/ITALIAN/SWISS COS FOR 1.11 MIL DOLS TO SET UP NY'S RAMAYANA INDONESIAN RESTAURANT. ALL 54 FIRMS WERE IN OIL OR RELATED INDUSTRY/ DID BUSINESS W/PERTAMINA (HERSHEY, NYT; BERRY, WP).

NYT DOES SUBSEQUENT PIECE PROFILING SUTOWO, NOTES HE ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY LIFTED PERTAMINA FROM 3-BIL-DOLS DEBT/EXPANDED INTERESTS INTO STEEL/FERTILIZER/CONSTRUCTION.

FRG APPROVES DELIVERY 625 MIL DOLS WORTH SUBS/TANKS/GUIDED MISSILES TO INDONESIA/TURKEY. FRG CABINET TO GUARANTEE EXPORT CREDITS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES, INCL 100 MIL DOLS FOR DELIVERY 2 SUBS TO INDONESIA (AP, SUN).

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7. PHILIPPINES

HEALTH DEPT SAYS OVER 50 CHILDREN HAVE DIED FROM POLIO SINCE DISEASE BROKE OUT IN SEVERAL AREAS PHILS LAST MONTH. PARENTS COMPLAINING DRUGSTORES/MDS EITHER DON'T HAVE VACCINE OR CHARGE EXPENSIVE PRICES (REUTER, LAT 2/2).

ASIA PAC CAPITAL CORP, OWNED BY CITICORP, IS ARRANGING FOR 6-YR, 40-MIL-DOL LOAN FOR MANILA ELECTRIC CO (WSJ).

8. KOREA

NYT'S HALLORAN SAYS AMEMB SEOUL KNEW OF MOST FACETS SK'S 5-YR COVERT EFFORT INFLUENCE US POL ALMOST FROM ITS INCEPTION/LODGED STRONG PROTESTS W/ROKG OFFICIALS. CITES ONE WASHINGTON SOURCE WHO SAYS UNDER SEC HABIB, WHILE AMB TO SK, WARNED S KOREANS THAT THEIR OPNS WOULD EVENTUALLY BE EXPOSED/CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE US-SK RELS. FED OFFICIALS SAY HABIB CONSTRAINED IN PRESSURE ON ROKG BECAUSE HE WAS GETTING LITTLE SUPPORT FROM WASHINGTON. HABIB DECLINED COMMENT, SAID WOULD BE "INAPPROPRIATE" WHILE ISSUE STILL UNDER JUSTICE DEPT/GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION.

9. PALAU

JONES (LAT 2/2) DOES EXTREMELY LONG PIECE ON PALAUN LIFE, DECISION ISLANDERS MUST MAKE RE US/IRAN JOINT PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OIL SUPERPORT. PLAN'S SUPPORTERS SEE OPPORTUNITY FOR TREMENDOUS WEALTH/OPPONENTS ENVISION DESTRUCTION PALAU'S NATURAL PARADISE.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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DISCUSSING WORLD POPULATION, CSM MENTIONS "GREAT UNKNOWN" IS ACTUAL BIRTH RATE IN PRC.

11. INDOCHINA

IN EDIT RE AMB YOUNG'S STATEMENTS THAT MAY APPEAR SIGNALS MAJOR CHANGES IN INTL POLICY, GLOBE MENTIONS YOUNG'S STATEMENT ON OUR INTENTIONS TO NORMALIZE RELS W/VN. AGREES W/SENTIMENT ON RECOGNITION FOR VN, BUT ADVISES CAUTION ON CANDOR.

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12. VP'S TRIP

WSTAR (2/2) BELIEVES TRIP ACCOMPLISHED SEVERAL OBJECTIVES IN IMPRESSIVE STYLE. SAYS MONDALE BROUGHT TO JAPAN MORE SPECIFIC WORD WILL BE NO MORE "SHOCKS"--LIKE SUDDEN PULL-OUT US TROOPS FROM SK.

TREWHITT (SUN) THINKS MONDALE/VANCE TRIPS SYMBOLIZE FAST TAKEOFF ON FOPOLICY. QUOTES VP THAT TOUR WEUR/JAPAN SUCCESS, REPRESENTED POLICY "CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATION" W/US ALLIES.

13. JAPAN

KRAFT (WP, SUN, GLOBE) STATES FUKUDA HAS MADE "DOUBLE ACCOMMODATION" TO US POL IN AGREEING TO FASTER STIMULATION JAPANESE ECON/WITHDRAWING OBJECTIONS US TROOP PULLOUT KOREA. SAYS PM ASKS "VERY LITTLE" IN RETURN, BUT HOPES US WILL PROTECT HIM FROM EUR RETALIATION AGAINST JAPAN'S BIG EXPORTS/MAY "SAVE HIM" FROM HAVING CHOOSE BETW USSR/PRC IN FORMULATING ASIAN POL. KRAFT CONCLUDES "PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION" TO JAPAN NOW IS ONE OF BEST FOPOL BETS CARTER CAN MAKE ANYWHERE.

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LAT (2/2) STATES PLANNED US TROOP WITHDRAWAL PROMISES BE "NEITHER ABRUPT, DEBILITATING, NOR SUBJECT TO MISINTERPRETATION BY EITHER ALLY OR POTENTIAL ENEMY." BELIEVES "IMPRESSIVE" MIL STRENGTH SK/"CLEAR ABSENCE" SOV/PRC INTEREST IN SUPPORTING N KOREAN AGGRESSION MAKES POSSIBILITY NEW WAR "EXTREMELY UNLIKELY.

15. GENERAL

SIMONS (WP) SEES SEA NATIONS ANTICIPATING IMPROVED US-VN RELS W/MIXTURE HOPE/CONCERN. SAYS OPTIMISTS BELIEVE MORE OPEN VN WILL BE BALANCED/LESS DEPENDENT ON USSR; PESSIMISTS FEAR THAT IF US FUNDS GO INTO VN, OTHER GOVTS' NEEDS WILL BE FORGOTTEN. LISTS THAILAND/SINGAPORE AS PESSIMISTIC FOR ECON/SECURITY REASONS, WHILE MALAYSIA/INDONESIA/PHILS APPEAR MORE HOPEFUL. DISCUSSES MALAYSIA'S/THAILAND'S VIEWS. ADDS W/ANTICIPATION US WILL SOON JOIN JAPAN/WEUR IN COMPETING W/USSR FOR VN'S FAVORS, SOME REGIONAL ECONOMISTS BELIEVE THAT ONLY BY CLOSE COOPERATION CAN NON-COMMUNIST STATES CONTINUE OFFER W INVESTORS VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO UNTAPPED INDOCHINESE NATIONS.

HARSCH (CSM) DISCUSSES ROLE MORALITY IN FOPOLICY. SEES TROUBLE SPRINGING FROM TENDENCY TO CONFUSE MORALITY/PROPAGANDA. STATES CONCERN W/HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS MUST BE IMPARTIAL. POINTS OUT RTS VIOLATED IN COUNTRIES ASSOCIATED W/US, INCL SK/PHILS/IRAN. BELIEVES UNLESS

US DENOUNCES RTS' VIOLATIONS IN FRIENDLY COUNTRIES,  
CONCERN ABOUT VIOLATIONS IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES BOUND  
LOSE EFFECTIVENESS.  
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